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ALLIES SEND A FINAL NOTE TO MOSCOW

Four-Power Control Of Berlin Requested

ISSUE MAY GO BEFORE UN

London, Sept. 22.—The United States, Great Britain and France sent Russia a "final" note tonight, asking her in effect: "Will you or will you not accept four-power control of Berlin?" The alternative to a satisfactory reply will be an appeal by the Western Allies to the United Nations, throwing the whole German situation before that world body.

Mr Marshall and Mr Bevin agreed to one more note to Moscow on the plea of the French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, whose insecure government wants to put off a final showdown with Russia as long as possible.

Willing To Accept Soviet Mark

London, Sept. 22.—The British Foreign Minister, Mr Ernest Bevin, speaking in the House of Commons today, on Germany, said that the Western Allies had agreed to accept the Soviet-mark currency for Berlin, but had insisted on it being under a four-power control.

Mr Bevin said that if this "senseless blockade" continues and the worse comes to the worse, "we are confident that between the two Air Forces, we should be able to see the winter through."

Mr Bevin also outlined the story of negotiations with Russia leading up to the blockade.

Mr Bevin said that the Soviets deliberately plotted to starve the West of Berlin by estimating how much food she had before starting her blockade of that city. He said that the Russians had hoped to force them out in a matter of a few weeks. He said that he can assure the House that there is no disagreement between the Western Powers. We agree on policy.

"We shall pursue that policy. We are not committed to war. We have not reached that stage."

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Here, it is believed there is no chance that Russia will back down, and the Berlin crisis on which the question of peace or war may hinge probably will come up in the UN Assembly or Security Council next week.

The Allied notes were handed to the Russian Ambassadors here, in Washington and in London.

In Washington, the Acting Secretary of State, Mr Robert Lovett, declined to discuss the notes, saying the situation was in the hands of Mr Marshall in Paris so that there would be no confusion. Mr Lovett told reporters the centre of gravity had moved to Paris. He emphasised the word "gravity."

ON THE DEFENSIVE

Russia was already on the defensive in the annual General Assembly, which opened here yesterday. M. Andrei Vishinsky, peppy Russian chief delegate, in the afternoon session denounced alleged machinations of the "Anglo-American bloc" in the UN. He hinted that Russia might not always be a member of the UN.

Mr Vishinsky was angered when the Assembly ignored the Russian bloc in electing the President and chairman of the six chief Assembly committees again this morning. He included among the seven vice-presidents.

PLOTTING NEW MOVES

Berlin, Sept. 22.—The Western Berlin newspapers said on Wednesday that the Communist leaders of Berlin and the Soviet occupation zone of Germany have called a secret meeting for Friday, presumably to plot new steps in the battle for this blockade city.

The Communist meeting is scheduled to be held at Potsdam, the Soviet Army headquarters for Berlin.

lin, the Western press said. The agenda and all other preparations were reported to be strictly secret.

The Russian controlled newspapers renewed their attacks on the Western powers.

Taegische Rundschau, the official organ of the Soviet Army, denounced leaders of the huge anti-Communist rally on September 9 as "Fascist provocateurs." It blamed the anti-Communist leaders for the outbreak in which Russian soldiers and Soviet controlled police were stoned. The Russians have sentenced five young demonstrators to 25 years at hard labour for taking part in the stonings.

GERMANS ACCUSED

The same newspaper charged Socialists Franz Neumann, Ernst Reuter, Otto Suhr and acting Mayor Ferdinand Friedensburg of Berlin of "anti-Soviet incitement."

Friedensburg has denied that he or any other speaker at the September 9 rally had made inflammatory statements, and has told the Soviet political chief of Berlin the outbursts represented pentup feelings of an aroused people.

The Russian licensed Berliner Zeitung accused the Americans of trying to arouse the German people to war against the Soviet Union.

The Communist press also belittled the efforts of the Western powers to solve the Berlin crisis, saying that when the three Western nations attempt this alone there never is any improvement, but always a new crisis.

One newspaper said no headway will be made until the West agrees to Russian proposals on a treaty for a unified Germany and the withdrawal of all occupation forces.—Associated Press.



4 Killed In Attack On Jewish Convoy

CAIRO BOMB OUTRAGE

Tel-Aviv, Sept. 22.—Three men and a woman, including an American civil engineer, were killed when a Jewish convoy under United Nations protection was fired on between Tel-Aviv and Jerusalem, according to reports reaching United Nations headquarters in Jerusalem today.

The four dead were civilians and not part of the United Nations personnel on the convoy—the first from Tel-Aviv to Jerusalem since the assassination of Count Bernadotte.

The convoy was escorted by a United Nations white jeep with an Arab Legion liaison officer.

The report said that when the shooting began, the people in the convoy took cover on the ground but snipers came out of the Latrun building where they were hiding and shot at the people lying on the ground, killing the three men and the woman and wounding others.

The report added that the Arab Legion officer immediately got into touch with Legion headquarters. The convoy returned to the Legion lines and a United Nations ambulance collected the dead and wounded.

Dr Ralph Bunche, chief of the United Nations Palestine Commission, was reported by United Nations headquarters at Tel-Aviv to be going to Latrun from Jerusalem to obtain first hand information on the attack.

The convoy, led by the jeep, consisted of two private cars and one petrol tanker. The killed, according to a Jewish report, were Mrs Friesland, sister of a director, Mr Hoffman, of the Anglo-Palestine Bank, Mr John Lewis, an American engineer, the Jewish commander of the convoy, and a Jewish civilian.—Reuter.

CAIRO EXPLOSION

Cairo, Sept. 22.—A bomb exploded today in the Jewish quarter of Mousski.

Waiting To Be Rescued

GODOWN STILL BURNING

But Fire Largely Under Control

After working all night firemen had by 6 o'clock this morning brought under control all but one corner of the blazing Wing On godown at West Point.

At 9.30 flames were still leaping from the corner of the roof nearest to the Royal Inter-Ocean lines building, the coping was leaning over, and the whole wall was in danger of collapsing.

OAG Reports To Mr Crooch Jones

The following telegram was despatched yesterday to the Secretary of State for the Colonies by the Officer Administering the Government (Hon. D. M. MacDougall):

"I regret to report that a disastrous fire broke out at 7.45 this morning in the Dangerous Goods storage basement of the Wing On Assurance Company's godowns at West Point.

Eleven dead bodies have been recovered from the tenement houses situated on top of the basement and 66 persons were taken to hospital for treatment. Of these 66, seven have died and 14 are on the Danger List, 10 of whom are expected not to live. Amongst those admitted to hospital for treatment are four firemen.

The fire is still blazing, and is not expected to be extinguished before tomorrow night, but it is hoped that further loss of life has been avoided by evacuation of the area. A further telegraphic report will be forwarded when full casualties are known."

COLONIAL SEC. REPLIES

The following telegram has been received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies:

"Much regret to hear of the serious fire which you report. Please convey my sincere sympathy to relatives of those who lost their lives. I hope the firemen admitted to hospital and others injured will make a good recovery. I trust that evacuation measures you have taken have been successful in avoiding further loss of life."

Firemen feared that if that happened the RIL offices and the ground floor godown stocked with oil would catch fire.

By 10.30 the flames had largely subsided, but the wall was still dangerous, and firemen continued to play their hoses between the two buildings.

It was impossible for firemen or police to enter the burnt-out buildings and find out how many of the missing had perished.

An identification was to be held at noon of the 11 charred bodies removed to the mortuary yesterday.

CASUALTY FIGURES

The Queen Mary Hospital reported this morning that no further admissions of fire casualties had been made since yesterday.

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EDITORIAL

Fighting Inflation

ONE of the toughest fights which the British Government has on its hands is that against inflation—the one factor which, if it gains the upper hand, could and would ruin the country's economic recovery programme and also gravely discount aid received through the Marshall Plan. The fight has been pursued relentlessly, although results have not, in the main, fulfilled expectations. Nevertheless, disinflation in Britain has shown some progress. Price reductions announced by retailers and manufacturers have covered a big range of consumer goods, such as food, footwear, pharmaceutical products, furniture, hardware and other household goods, as well as certain types of raw materials and semi-manufactured articles. In other instances, manufacturers have been able to claim, with justification, that they are holding prices steady in the face of rising costs of raw materials, particularly those imported. One pleasing and important sign that the battle of inflation is slowly, but surely being won, is that for the first time in more than two years the official index of wholesale prices showed a reduction in July and a further cut in August. True, the two reductions were slight but after a persistent rise they were welcome. It is correct to say that at the very least Britain's cost of living has been held in check. Less consoling to the Government is the indication that its appeal for wage freezing has misfired. The figures tell the story. During the first seven months of 1948 wage increases

totalled £1,000,000 per week were given to 4,410,000 workers in a variety of industries, and while it is true that a proportion of these increases were either agreed upon or were being negotiated before the Government appeal, the fact remains that the index of weekly wage rates has increased. On the other hand there is evidence that industry has fulfilled in some measure its part of the appeal by widespread restriction of dividends. For example, between April 1 and mid-August dividend increases have been made on less than five percent of the capital of companies declaring payments. But after taking due cognisance of the effort being made in Britain to prevent inflation, there is, unfortunately, no reliable figure of world prices against which the nation's disinflationary achievement can be measured. Some idea is gained by studying the movement of import prices between January and July of this year, which, according to the official index rose by no less than 11 percent and in July were still showing signs of rising. Against this the average of export prices rose by less than three percent in the same period. Thus Britain's struggle to preserve her economy is as much a fight against rising prices in the purchaser's market as it is against increased manufacturing and retail prices. An equally important influence is the extent to which the country can step up production and capture as much of the world markets as possible. No British Government has ever faced a sterner test.

H.K. Plane Makes Forced Landing

Manila, Sept. 23.—A Norwegian DC-4 airliner, carrying 12 passengers, made an emergency landing at Manila International Airport yesterday afternoon. The plane, piloted by Captain H. Skara, was en route from Hongkong to Bangkok.

Capt. Skara said typhoon weather between Hongkong and Bangkok had forced him to seek refuge in Manila.

Shortly after the plane landed, the Civil Aeronautics Administration reportedly received an urgent message from Hongkong requesting the local authorities "to hold" the aircraft.

The CAA Administrator referred the case to the Department of Foreign Affairs. The Acting Foreign Secretary, Mr Bernabe Africa, said he had no objection to giving the plane clearance to leave before noon today as the pilot had requested, but that the pilot would have to comply with all legal requirements. This includes getting a clearance from the Department of National Defence and Customs, Immigration and Quarantine authorities.

The CAA said it would give clearance once the procedures had been complied with.

The plane, owned by Braathens South American and Far East Air Transport, was scheduled to stop at Bangkok on its return trip to Norway.—United Press.

STOP PRESS

Sixty Bodies Recovered

Sixty charred and unrecognisable bodies were pulled out of the burned out Wing On Godowns up to 1.30 p.m. today. Most of them were found on stairway positions, indicating that the victims may have tried to escape that way.

One body of a baby was found in a wash basin. It is thought possible that the mother may have tried to save it by putting it in water.

BRITAIN'S PROPOSAL TO DEAL WITH PALESTINE CONFLICT

Paris, Sept. 22.—Britain is to propose an ad hoc committee to consider the Palestine conflict, the Minister of State, Mr Hector McNeill, announced at today's meeting of the United Nations Steering Committee drafting the agenda for the General Assembly.

(Mr Ernest Bevin announced to the House of Commons today Britain's support for Count Bernadotte's settlement plan and said that it "should be put into operation in its entirety.")

Earlier, the French Cabinet approved of the report, which gives Negev in south Palestine to the Arabs, Galilee to the Jews, makes Haifa a free port and Lydda a free airport, and internationalises the Holy places of Jerusalem.

Mr George Marshall (U.S. Secretary of State) has announced America's backing of the plan. Argentina today clashed with Russia in the Steering Committee, by proposing a motion to admit to the United Nations certain states which Russia has vetoed in the Security Council.

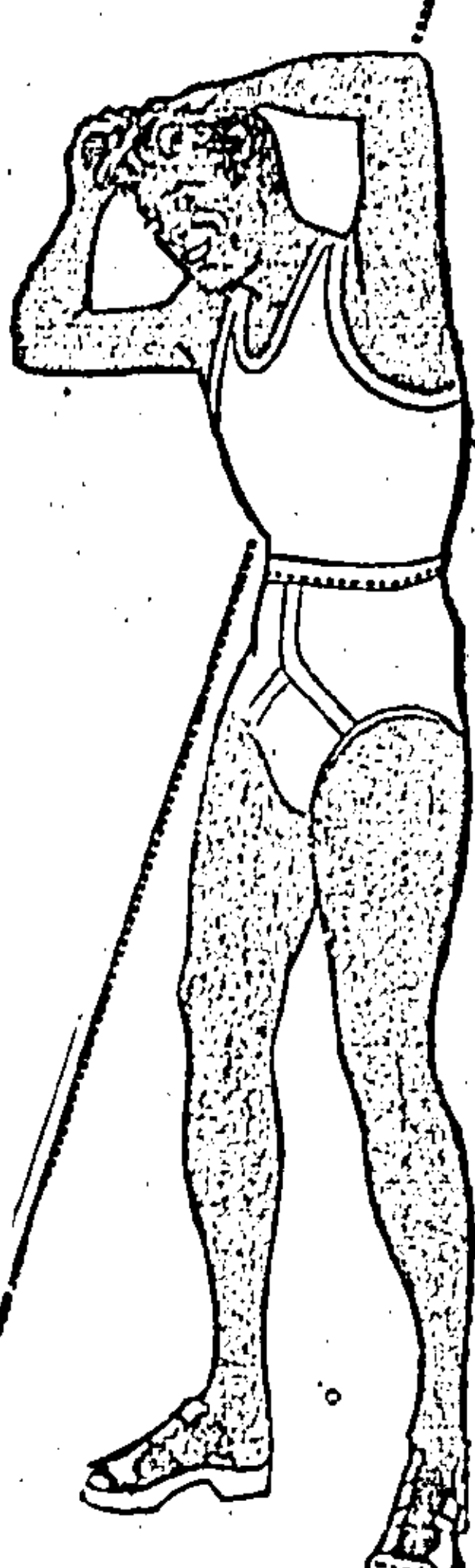
The chief of the Soviet delegation, Mr Andrei Vishinsky, said that the move represented "a crude violation of the Charter."

Dr Herbert Evatt, the President, said that the proposal—that Italy and all other states who obtained seven of the 11 votes in the Security Council should be admitted without further debate—would involve an amendment of the Charter. But the Committee had no power to delete the item from the agenda, he ruled.

The Argentine proposal would allow the General Assembly to vote the admission of Austria, Finland, Elze, Italy, Portugal and Trans-Jordan.

Dr Jose Arce, Argentina, recalled that Mr Vishinsky had said that the

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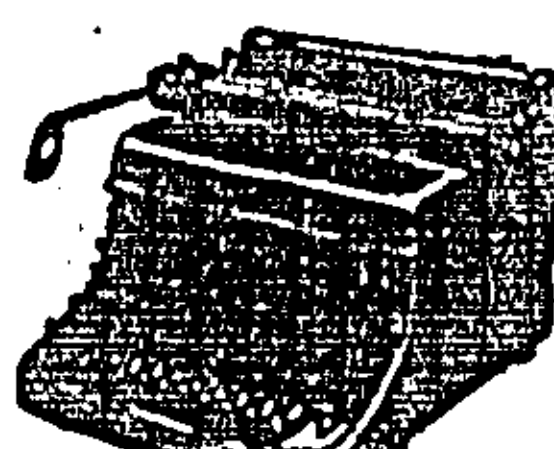
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Hat News



By GRACE THORNCLEIFFE

IT LOOKS like the pillbox as the winner for the ready autumn hat championship. Appearing in every collection from that of stratospheric prices to neat little budget numbers, the pillbox comes in with the vogue for the short hair cut. The pretty little model is of brown velvet with poppies of velvet and satin on one side just below the centre. A taupe coloured nose-length veil completes the details. The second hat is also a winner. Nice in velvet or taffeta, this one has a head-hugging crown and a trim that dips in back and rolls back in front.

This Happens When You're Hot

by Dr. Stephen Taylor

SOMEWHERE around the place where the brain and spinal cord meet is the GHQ Body Temperature Control. This "heat regulating centre," to give it its official physiological name, is a mass of nerve cells not much bigger than a couple of pins' heads. Raise the temperature of the blood reaching the heat-regulating centre by a quarter of a degree and at once a multitude of electro-chemical messages are started up to the sweat glands and blood vessels of the skin, to the blood vessels of the kidney, and to the muscles of the chest. First, nervous impulses pass from the centre out to the sweat glands (via the spinal cord and nerve trunks), causing them rapidly to increase water formation. To supply the necessary fluid, other nervous impulses pass to the small skin blood-vessels (to cause them to liberate water for the sweat glands to use) and to the blood vessels of the kidney (to cause them to cut down on fluid loss in that direction). As the sweat formed evaporates from the skin, heat is withdrawn from the body and the blood temperature is lowered. If, however, the surrounding air is already fully laden with water vapour, the sweat fails to evaporate and the cooling effect of sweating is nullified.

THERE are some people who just do not sweat. For them, the only available method of losing heat is to increase the amount of water vapour lost during breathing. They must, in fact, imitate the panting dog on a hot day. In such people, the small blood vessels of the skin release the water necessary for making the sweat just as in other people. But there is no sweat loss to remove it. In consequence, such people have the added misery of swollen hands and feet in hot weather. Whether you like or dislike hot weather depends on how well you are able to cope with it. Whatever happens, the non-sweaters are bound to be uncomfortable. Their best line is to avoid sunshine, and take a minimum of physical exercise. Those who sweat freely should drink no less freely, while wearing the lightest possible clothes.

Adele Mara Hangs Up Her Swim Suits

By PATRICIA CLARY

HOLLYWOOD—Adele Mara has hung up her bathing suits—all 30 of them. Like many another glamour girl before her, Miss Mara feels she has graduated to dramatic art from leg art. "My starring roles up to now," Miss Mara said, "have all been in stills." In five years in the movies, Miss Mara has spent 1,140 hours before the movie cameras making movies. She's spent 2,400 hours before the still cameras making pin-up pictures. The pictures—5,000 in all—have gone around the world. No army barracks was without them. Hardly a single machine in Europe or the Americas escaped. Thousands of copies were mailed out by Republic studio every week.

Stopped Traffic

Miss Mara hasn't been selfish with her lovely torso. She's exposed it in furtherance of many a worthy cause. Clad, each time, in a different bathing suit.

Around The Town

— with Mercia Hillaly

R Felix Stumvoll, the Austrian Minister to China has just arrived in Hongkong from Nanking to contact Austrian nationals here and to try and facilitate entry of his compatriots into the Colony. Dr Stumvoll is the first Austrian Minister to be appointed after a period of 40 years since Dr Rothorn last held the post. He received his medical degree in Austria before the war and was obliged to serve three years as a doctor with the German Army. He speaks very good English but little Chinese, although he was in China from 1908 to 1912. Dr Stumvoll says that it is very difficult to enter Austria today, and should a Chinese, for instance, wish to study at the Vienna University he must obtain an entry visa, approved by all four Powers now occupying the country, and this is a long story.

Although the Minister had much to say about his own country, a much more intimate picture of conditions in Austria was given me by Mrs Long, the Austrian wife of the famous magician and showman, Long Tak Sam, who is now in Hongkong visiting his daughter, Mrs Ernest To. Mrs Long has just flown back after a short visit to her native country. "Money will buy you anything," she said, "and people don't starve. But they are sad and bitter about many things. And chiefly over the occupation troops whom they detest in the following order. First Americans, who are boastful, arrogant and drink too much. Then the Russians—but they are simpler and obey orders. Then the English, and finally the French. But they don't really hate the French; in fact they like them. And why? Because there aren't many of them." Mrs Long showed me an Austrian 50 shilling note (approx. US \$5.50) which will only buy two pounds of veal and scarcely a pound and a half of butter on the B.M. The shops are stocked with tins of horsemeat, the bread is very good and eggs are plentiful. "Not like England" she said, "where I once asked for eggs for breakfast and was politely offered 'kippers'." But she thinks the English people very wonderful the way they are putting up with all their difficulties. When they go abroad, she said, they buy dozens and dozens of eggs. Even imported stuff like rice is to be had in Austria, "but in England not a grain."

She also told me that plain clothes detectives were everywhere in the Russian zone. Once whilst travelling through, nine men were arrested on her train, and she says that this happens quite frequently. Some of these chaps are never heard of again. Mrs Long met her husband forty years ago in a delicatessen store in Austria, and they married after a three-month courtship, her parents' only objection to the match being that he wasn't a Catholic. He was touring Austria with his troupe at the time. Although his daughters took part in his many shows, his wife was seldom on the stage. Mr and Mrs Long are leaving this week for Shanghai.

Handy Wallet for Cosmetics



This new wallet not only holds your money but contains a compact and lipstick as well.

By HELEN FOLLETT

If you are the average woman—and we take it for granted that you are—you frequently look into your shopping bag and are agnast. However did it happen that you collected so many old shopping lists, letters, and keys, besides the usual bill fold, change purse, compact, lipstick, handkerchief and perfume vial? There should be a clean-up week now and then for bags. One is likely to find almost anything in them, maybe little treasures that have disappeared for days. Wouldn't it be a good idea to substitute a wallet? You'll find some cute tricks that will delight you. Just the thing for teen-agers, too, who hate to carry things. Grand for sports when one would not be hampered with excess baggage. Your good looks reporter spotted a treasure. It is of durable leather, so it will wear well. It is small, but holds everything you'll need until you get home to your own dressing table—a compact and lipstick, a bill fold, pockets for identification cards, travelling tickets and a picture of your very best feller. In case you carry it around with you to show to the new girl friends. This, it would seem is a cure for the bulging pocket book ailment. If, when selecting your winter wardrobe you get a coat with huge pockets, you can slip your wallet into one of them. Then your arms will be free to bring home that load of groceries or whatever loot you have picked up at bargain counters. This wallet is just one of the several new devices that combining beauty needs with everyday accessories. We feel that this new wallet is a step in the right direction. You won't have to paw through a mess of things to get car or bus fare. Also you won't suffer the embarrassment you do now when a member of your family sees you open your bag and asks you if it contains the steak and spinach for dinner.

BOYS AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

A Hard Way to Get Crumbs

—Chirpie Went All the Way to the Baker's—

By MAX TRELL

CHIRPIE Sparrow came to the window-sill for his breadcrumbs. To his surprise and disappointment, there was not a single crumb to be seen. He cocked his head to one side and peered at the window-sill. "No, no crumbs," said Chirpie to himself. Then he cocked his head to the other side and peered again. "No, no crumbs." Then he twisted his head all around and looked behind him. He had no better luck than before. So Chirpie stood on the edge of the sill and chirped out at the top of his voice: "Bread! Bread! Where's bread?" By and by Knarf and Handl, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, heard him and came to the window. "Bread!" said Chirpie. "I don't see my bread." Handl said: "Oh, dear, the children didn't leave any out for you this morning."

All Eaten Up

Knarf added: "All of it was eaten up; every single crumb. There isn't any more in the house."

"What! No more bread in the house?" said Chirpie. "Then the children must be as hungry as I am." After a moment's silence he asked: "Where does the bread come from? Who bakes it?"

"The baker," answered Handl. "The baker, eh? Where do I find this baker?"

"Down the street and around the corner and on the other side and down some steps to the basement. There's where you'll find the baker," said Knarf.

Chirpie Sparrow flew off to find the baker. He flew down the street, darted around the corner, swooped over to the other side and then hopped down some steps to the basement. The baker's door was open. Chirpie looked inside. There stood the baker, dressed all in white, a

Buffalo In The Old-Time West

(Continued from Yesterday)

BY 1880 the final blow fell with the building of another railroad. Over this line, travelers would entertain themselves by taking potshots at buffalo from the rear platform of trains which moved slowly for the occasion. It wasn't long until almost the only buffalo that could be seen was the one on the five-cent piece. Or on a U.S. Treasury's \$10 bill.

Here and there, kind-hearted ranchmen took pity and saved a few of the gun-crazed animals. Charles Goodnight roped several and started the herd which still exists on his old ranch place in Texas' Palo Duro Canyon. In later years he tried an experiment of crossing buffalo and range cattle, producing the famous Cattalo.

The government also rescued a few buffalo and started the present protected herds scattered over the West today.

So, back to the point in the story where, in imagination, you were sitting on your horse on the empty plains wondering about those oval depressions in the earth. There was a great silence all around you, a silence in keeping with the dramatic story of the passing of the buffalo.

It was dramatic, yes, but a story of waste. Today we still have vast natural resources in soil, minerals, timber, game, but we must cherish them. They, too, will some day go the way of the buffalo. If all stories should have a moral, then here is one with bells on it.

Rupert & Ting-Ling—46

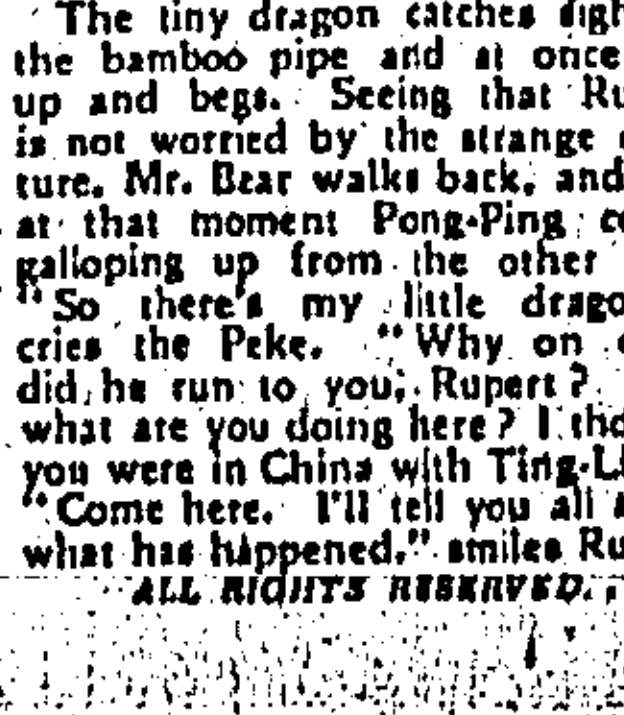


The tiny dragon catches sight of the bamboo pipe and a perch up and back. Seeing that Rupert is not worried by the strange creature, Mr. Bear walks back, and just at that moment Pong-Ping comes galloping up from the other side. "So there's my little dragon!" cries the Peke. "Why on earth did he run to you, Rupert? And what are you doing here? I thought you were in China with Ting-Ling." "Come here. I'll tell you all about what has happened," smiles Rupert. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.

RED RYDER

Plain Words

By Fred Harman



WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



NEW YORK METROPOLITAN—Its difficulties with labour unions solved, the Metropolitan Opera of New York gets ready for its 1948-49 season. For a time, rising production costs threatened the forthcoming opera season. Backstage, these three men check the costumes to be worn by the singers.



WEDDING BELLS TO RING?—Screen performers Tyrone Power and Linda Christian pause during a sightseeing tour of Rome. They are in the Italian capital to make a film, and rumours say they will be married shortly.



"AND DID YOU SEE THE ACCIDENT?" asks bus driver Timothy Evans, taking down names. Mrs. Victoria Carpenter, 45, the victim, lies in the street, her head supported by a folded coat, awaiting the ambulance. A Cincinnati photographer who happened to be passing caught this on-the-spot picture.



BIRTHDAY PRESENT—A New York pet shop owner, Billy Rose, celebrated his 61st birthday by giving away 50 puppies to children who wrote the best letters on why they wanted a dog. Lawrence Levy, aged eight, of the Bronx, N.Y., got the first pup, and is shown here with his new pet.



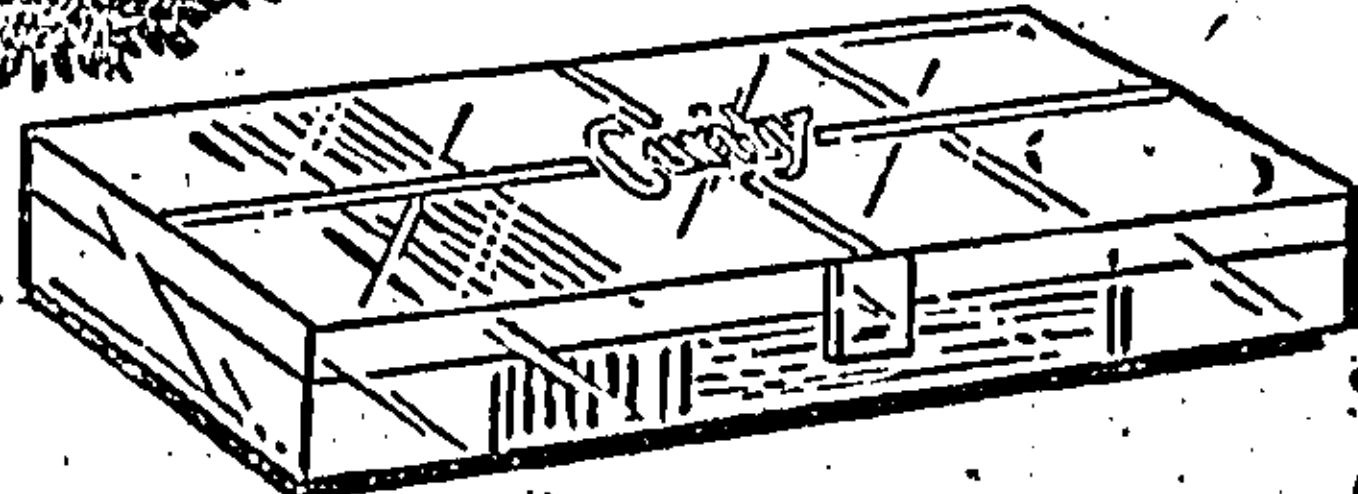
UP IN SMOKE—Huge clouds of smoke mushroom over the last of Berlin's massive air raid shelters—a six-storey steel and concrete structure, in the City's Tiergarten (British sector). Royal Engineers failed in the first two attempts to destroy it, then blasted it with a charge of 35 tons of explosive. An area two miles around the flak-tower was evacuated before the detonation.



A WHOPPER—Peggy Harris, a member of the Newport, Rhode Island, Summer Theatre group, gives theatrical style and class to the bass fishing sport. Incidentally, that's a 19-pound striped bass she nabbed.

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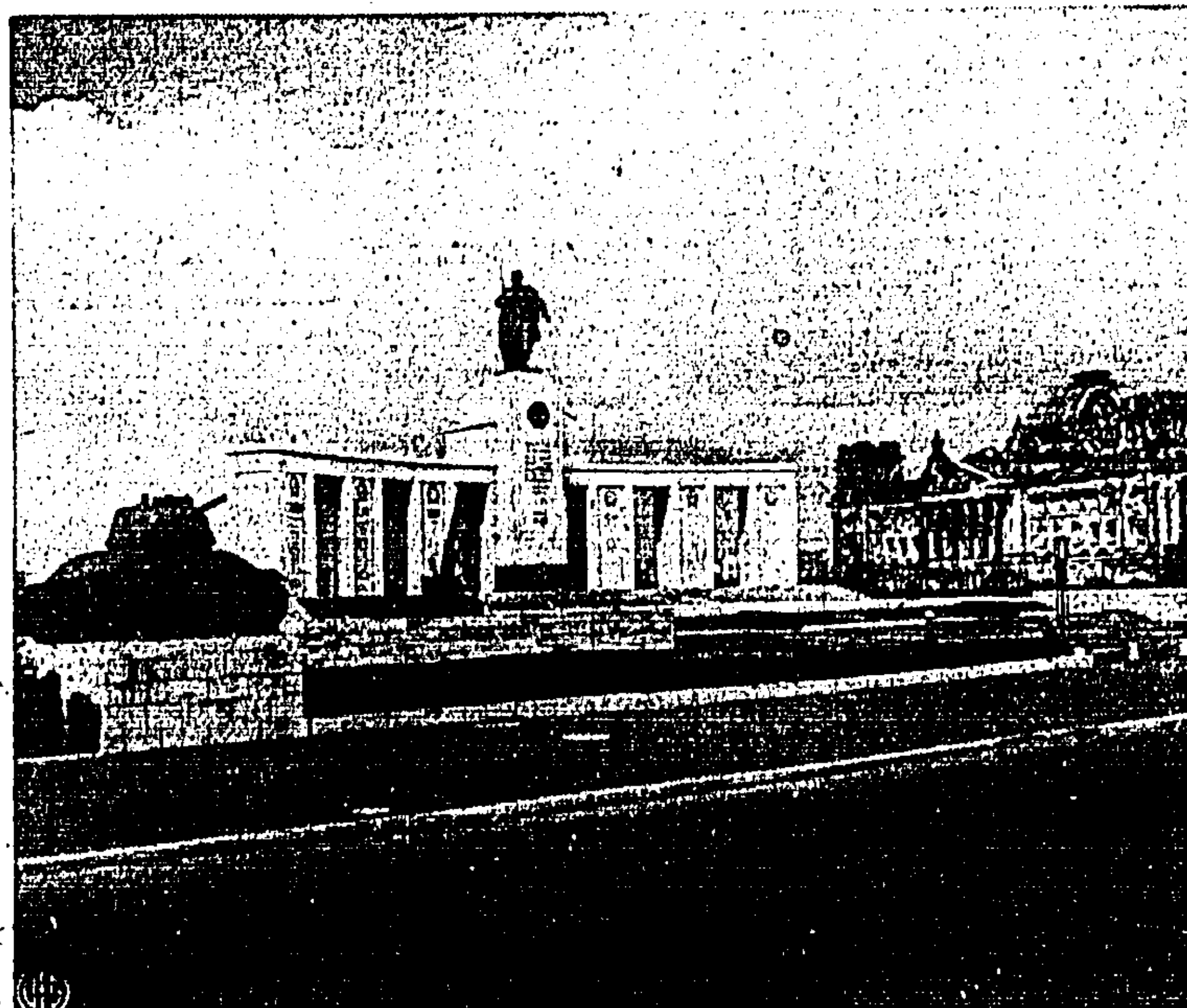
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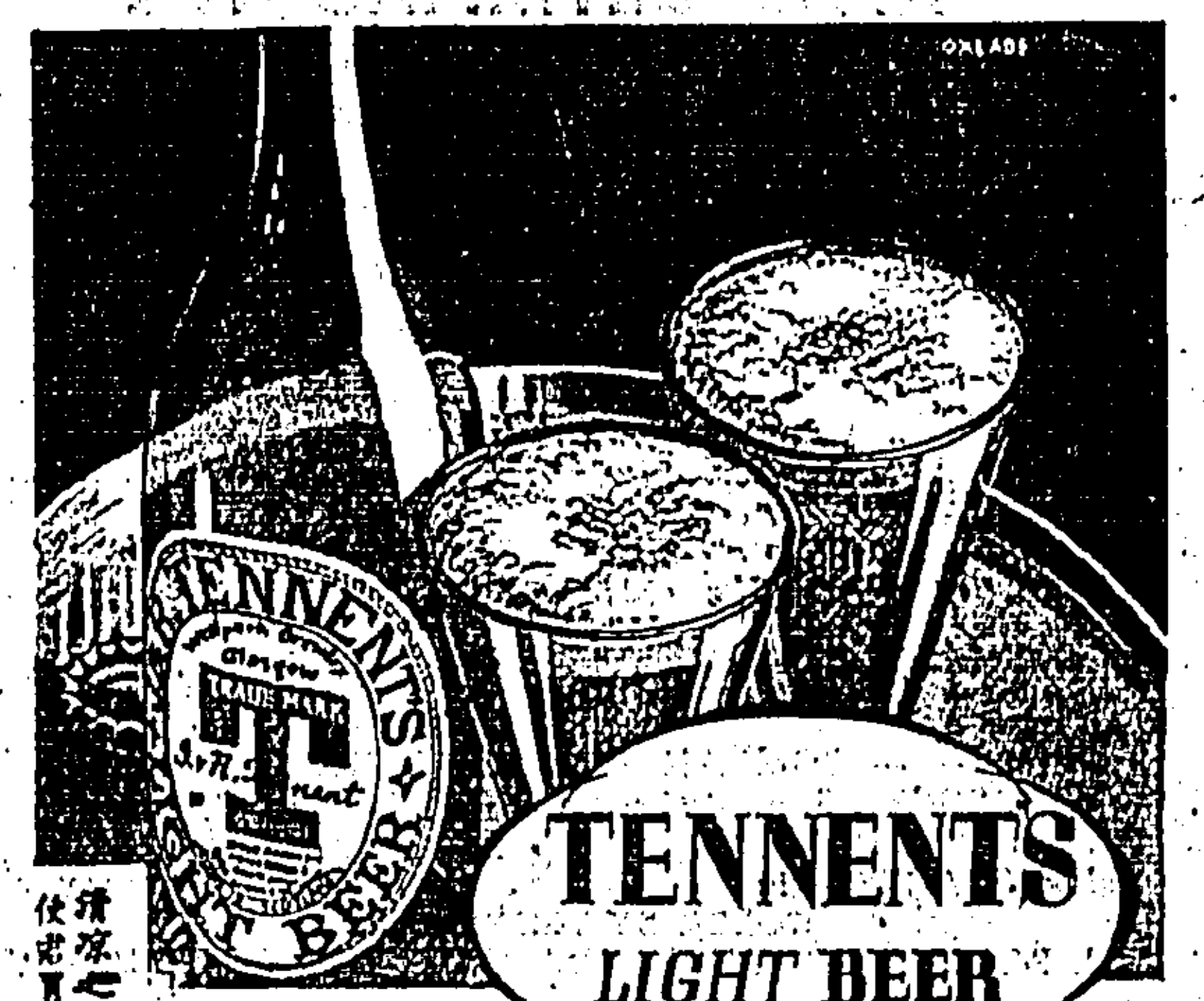
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RED WAR MEMORIAL IN BERLIN—Despite the "protection" of a tank and anti-aircraft guns, the Russian War Memorial in the British sector of Berlin is succumbing to the elements. The structure, located next to the ruins of the Reichstag building, is said to have faulty foundations. It was here that anti-Communist Germans recently held a demonstration, and one German youth was shot dead by Soviet police.



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COMMENCING TO-MORROW: "THE SEARCH"

The Velvet Glove Behind The Iron Curtain

Here is the first of a three-part series of articles that gives a three-way perspective on a Danube city behind the Iron Curtain... its outward look, its satellite undercurrent, and its little people.

The report is by ROSETTE HARGROVE, staff member of NEA's Paris bureau, who has covered the postwar story of nearly all Europe's capital cities.

A CITY gay with national and Socialist red flags—beautiful, well-groomed women in light "new look" summer dresses—shops filled with all sorts of merchandise—crowded sidewalk restaurants and cafes bedecked with flowers and bright awnings—streets packed with buses and trolleys, taxis and private automobiles—

That was my first postwar impression of Budapest, Queen of the Danube. It was in startling contrast to the drabness of once scintillating Vienna. It was entirely different than I had expected to find siege-wrecked Budapest.

The second impression was of shock at the ruin accomplished during those two months the Nazis held out against Soviet armies. Not only were 300,000 persons killed, but in both Buda and Pest, on either side of the Danube, about a third of the city was destroyed. Almost every building left is marked by shell or bomb. The famous hotels—Ritz, Hungaria, Carlton—that once made a proud row along the Corso in Pest—are blackened skeletons.

Surface Serene

ACROSS the river the Buda skyline is marked by ruins of the centuries-old castle, last stronghold of the Germans. The seven bridges were blown up by the Nazis when they retreated across the river. But there is a new landmark now. It is the Liberation Monument, above the St. Gellert Hotel, erected to the Soviet soldiers who fell in liberating Hungary.

Apart from these physical aspects everything is serene on the surface, in this Soviet satellite. Living is closer to normal than in many western European countries.

Food is plentiful. Only bread, sugar and flour are rationed. Prices on rationed items are fixed, but for a 15 percent premium almost unlimited quantities can be had. At a price, all kinds of delicacies can be had at patisserie and candy shops and luxury grocery stores.

Here one can buy nylons, French perfumes and American beauty products on the open market. Those who have the money can get excellent clothing from big stores selling ready-to-wear down to exclusive specialty shops on the fashionable Vaci-Útca.

Foreign papers and books are sold freely, not just in tourist hotels but in kiosks on the principal streets. I saw on sale 20



Despite official coolness towards "foreign" broadcasts, foreign papers and books are sold freely in Budapest. Here youths look over an English-language magazine featuring an article on the Marshall plan. Papers on display include the London Daily Graphic; Manchester Guardian and several Paris papers.

French and 10 British dailies compared with 10 Soviet.

Most cafes have their gypsy bands. No less than 14 theatres and as many film houses are operating. Foreign plays and films are popular. Official records say that 47 American, 20 French, 17 Russian, 15 British, six Danish films and one Italian film were shown from August, 1947, to March, 1948, in addition to Soviet, Yugoslav, French, American and British newscasts.

No Black Market

THERE is practically no black market except in butter and coffee, if only because the economic police are active. Illegal dealings in currency are rare since they risk long prison terms.

Tobacco is plentiful. More than one and three-fourths billions of cigarettes were made during the first half of last year, and Hungarians like their cigarettes. U.S. cigarettes have no barrier value.

For tourists, the cost of living is about on a par with that in Paris. Double room in a first-class hotel is about U.S.\$11 a day,

but there are all sorts of service, sales and luxury taxes, which apply also to cafes and restaurants. After 10 p.m. there is an additional charge of five percent for music, a 20 percent luxury tax, and an entertainment tax of about nine cents. A satisfying meal in a first-class restaurant costs about U.S.\$4.

At first glance Budapest is doing well. You look in vain for outward signs of the social revolution in this Communist country. Then you begin to wonder who can afford the luxurious furs, the beautiful hats and dresses.

Certainly not the once wealthy landowners and upper middle classes, who have had their lands and factories taken away without compensation. And certainly not the workers. Their condition may have improved, but even skilled workers have little left after paying for necessities.

A typical working-class family with one child gets about U.S.\$4.20 (710 forints) a month. (The forint is about nine cents, 11.20 to

the dollar.) This income includes wages plus a family supplement of \$1.02 a person plus living supplement of \$1.35 a person.

Rent takes \$1.53 to \$4.50 a month, clothing \$7.20, heat \$4.00, electricity \$1.08, amusements \$1.44, education \$3.60, fares \$1.35, taxes \$1.08, insurance \$1.44. Food calls for about \$3.84 a month, of which \$10.20 is for meat, \$1.08 for bread, \$5.94 for sugar, \$2.34 for rice, 90 cents for dark flour, \$5.04 for potatoes, \$1.44 for fat.

Nothing Left

ADDED to these expenses, allow a bit for white flour and extra butter on the black market, and there's nothing left.

The unskilled worker averages only 350 to 550 forints a month. Most of those I saw working on a railway extension outside Budapest were in rags. Their noonday meal consisted of a hunk of black bread—a chunk of fat pork and a raw onion, washed down with water.

Tomorrow: Iron hand or velvet glove?

THE REAL TRAGEDY OF BENES

By CHARLES WINTOUR

"WHEN the fate of dynasties, regimes, states or nations is at stake, half-measures and compromises have never helped, and never will."

It was the tragedy of Edouard Benes, the father's son, who was elected President of the nation he had helped to create, that the half-measures and compromises, whose utility he realised so clearly, dogged the fate of Czechoslovakia and her people.

For 17 years after the first world war, surviving 10 changes of Cabinet, Benes was Foreign Minister of Czechoslovakia; for three years after that he was President in succession to the great Masaryk, the President-Liberator of his country. He became President again for a further term during and after the war.

No other European statesman could rival the range of his experience, and the depth of his knowledge of international affairs. No other statesman had such fateful decisions to make.

During the first world war Benes first acted as an underground courier between the Maffia, the secret resistance organisation in Prague which he helped to organise, and Masaryk in Switzerland. When arrest was imminent, he escaped to Paris. There he organised the work of the Czechoslovak National Council. It became the nucleus of the independent Czech Government which was formally accorded Allied recognition in 1918.

After the war Benes devoted his main efforts to securing an effective system of collective security based on the League, backed by a second line of defensive pacts to ensure the security of the Czech frontiers. Yet, despite the League, despite the Little Entente, of which he was the principal architect, despite his treaty with France, and his secondary treaty with Russia, he failed to preserve either the frontiers or the independence of his country. But this was not his responsibility; the main burden of guilt lay elsewhere.

FORCED APPEASEMENT

FOR the system of treaties which he had laboured so indefatigably and so skillfully to secure was proof neither against the rapacious designs of the Nazi aggressors, nor the one hand, nor the gullibility and the pacific desire of the Western world, on the other.

"Two men confront each other," Hitler screamed in the Berlin Sportpalast. "There is Benes, and here am I." Chamberlain, unable to understand why Englishmen should fight "because of a quarrel in a far-away country between peoples of whom we know nothing," took off on his flight to the dictator; and the Foreign Office quipped: "If at first you don't succeed, fly, fly, fly again."

The British and French representatives in Prague made it clear that if the Czechs resisted they would do

so alone. Finally, Benes submitted, throwing all his great influence into carrying out the appeasement policy which his allies had forced upon him.

"I knew we must decline to fight," he said later. "War on one front would have spelled disaster." Churchill pronounced the final epitaph in the Commons: "All is over. Silent, mournful, abandoned, broken, Czechoslovakia recedes into the darkness."

Nearly ten years later Benes was faced with another terrible problem. A new aggressor had arisen to threaten the independence of his country. And his allies, this time within his own country, were again divided and weak.

Faced with the threat of a general strike Benes yielded, a second time, to the demands of force. He allowed the Communists to seize power in the bloodless revolution since consummated by rigged elections.

Was Benes wrong to yield his frontier defenses to the Germans without a shot being fired? Was he wrong to submit to the menaces of Gottwald without attempting a fight for liberty?

Winston Churchill has suggested that if Benes had resisted in 1938 the French nation would have rallied to the Czech cause, the Russians would certainly have followed, as Litvinov declared they would at the

time, and Britain would not have withheld her arms. It might also be said that the liberal forces of Czechoslovakia were only waiting a lead from Benes to defend their freedom with their lives.

But Benes was not a warrior statesman. He was certainly not lacking in physical courage—as his underground activities during the early stages of the first world war prove convincingly. He also possessed great optimism—witness his starting to rebuild the ruins of the Czech state from little suburban house in Gwendolen Avenue, Putney, at the outbreak of the second world war.

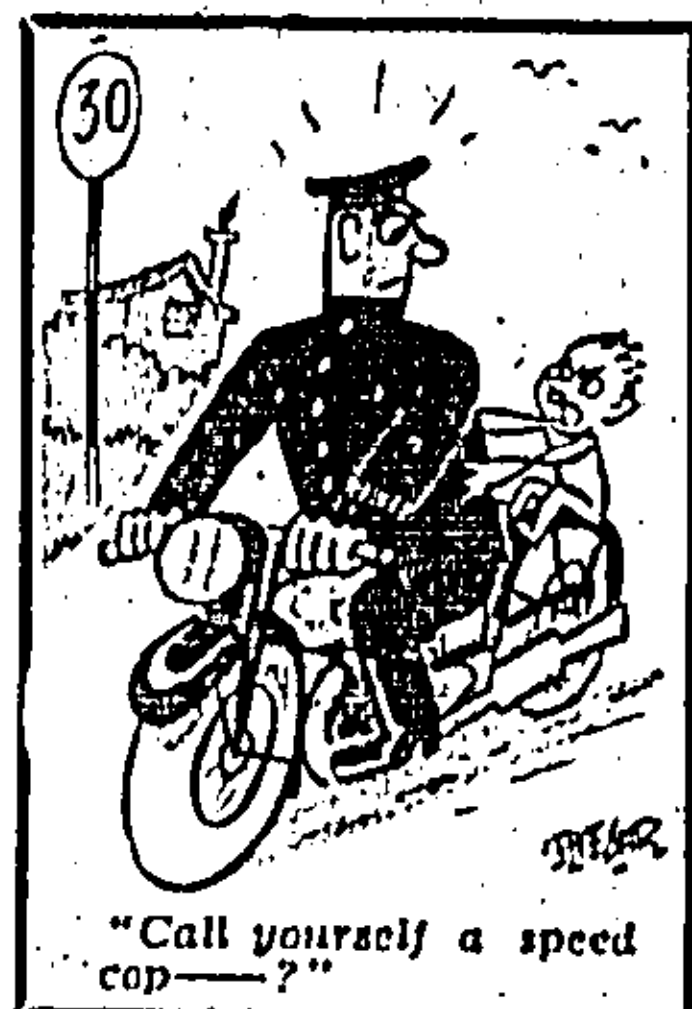
TOTALLY UNEMOTIONAL

BUT he had little humour; indeed, his most quotable remark in English was unconsciously funny.

He once told Bruce Lockhart's son: "In life you must take the bull by the horns."

And he was a totally unemotional little man, burdened with a too logical mind. Perhaps his sense of the impossible was too well developed for the highest wisdom and the boldest, most imaginative strokes of statesmanship.

Yet his real tragedy lay in the strategic position of his country. The peaceful, democratic development of Czechoslovakia could only take place in a secure, peaceful and prosperous Europe. No man could rebuild a bridge between East and West when the foundations were rotting away.



The Best Years Of Her Life

By NEWELL ROGERS

NEW YORK, Sept. 6. LIFE began at 77, artistically speaking, for Grandma Moses. Tomorrow, on her 88th birthday, she is America's most famous woman painter.

When arthritis compelled Anne Mary Robertson Moses to give up embroidering quilts, the farmer's wife in New York State's Upper Housack Valley, who had raised ten children, taught herself to paint.

Her quaint "primitive" landscapes became a sensation. Her bedroom in the family farmhouse, warmed in winter with a wood stove, is her studio.

She says: "When I get ready to paint I just close my eyes and imagine a scene. I never paint from nature. I can start a batch of five on Monday and have them finished by Saturday."

In ten years she has painted 1,300 pictures which sell today for as much as £750 apiece, and prices are rising.

Tomorrow night there will be just a quiet family party and a birthday cake.

AT THE AGE OF 84 former piano salesman John Taber Fitzgerald makes his debut as a baritone singer on Thursday in New York's Town Hall, where such artists as Myra Hess and Lotte Lehmann give recitals.

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS after Paul Bremer swam the nine miles across Lake Champlain from Burlington, Vermont, he has swum it again, at the age of 60.

DEWEY'S stand for the return of the ex-Italian colonies to Italy pleases Italian-American voters, but Negro voters are not amused. The editor of Negro newspaper, the Afro-American, asks him whether he favours the exploitation of African natives to help put Italy back on her feet.

CREDIT TO SCOTLAND from America for the first refrigerated trawler with a net over the stern. Says Columbus O. Iselin, head of the Oceanographic Institution: "Scotland gives us the first advance in fishing methods in 30 years."

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY chooses Columbus Day, October 12, to install another noted Transatlantic voyager, General Eisenhower, as its chancellor.

STEAMSHIP OFFICIALS want the Government to build a 50,000-ton high-speed liner of its own in addition to the one the United States Lines proposes to build with subsidies, because, says the New York Herald-Tribune, "the Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth may not be available for American use in another war."

HOLLYWOOD got its own postmark today at last. For 14 years its Chamber of Commerce fought against having its letters postmarked "Los Angeles," of which Hollywood is a borough.

PROVIDED theatre bookings allow, Rex Harrison will appear on Broadway in Maxwell Anderson's "Anne of the Thousand Days." At the same time his wife, Lilli Palmer, stars around the corner in "The Man with a Load of Mischief."

ARRESTED for grand larceny, William Stone is accused of robbing a new car, selling it for \$525, then stealing it and returning it to the rental company.

A BROADWAY HIT, "Born Yesterday," relates the trials of a scrap-iron dealer who goes to Washington to organise a world cartel in war scrap. Today in Washington scrap dealers organised a Government-sponsored monopoly to buy German steel scrap.

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The story of the sending of a threatening letter to a Chinese merchant living in Un Long in the New Territories and a demand for money with menaces from him was related before the Chief Justice at the Criminal Sessions this morning when two men were arraigned on four charges.

The accused are Lam Muk and Tso Yan, alias Tso Yau. They are charged with uttering a threatening letter to Li Mou-loi on July 3, conspiracy to utter a letter demanding money with menaces between June 20 and July 3, possession of a letter demanding money with menaces on July 1, and conspiracy to demand money with menaces between June 20 and July 6.

Carefully Planned Robbery

Described by the Crown as a carefully planned and ruthlessly executed robbery, Lee Tak-hing, 34, coolie, appeared on trial before Mr Justice Reynolds at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Lee is also charged with Chan Wah, alias Chan Kai, 34, unemployed, with possession of three revolvers, two hand grenades and 14 rounds of ammunition.

The jury empanelled comprises six women and one man. Mr A. Heenan, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting with Det. Insp. T. Cashman.

Opening for the Crown, Mr Heenan said that this case arose out of a robbery which took place in Jervois Street about 9 p.m. on July 5 last. The facts disclosed by evidence were that this was a carefully and ruthlessly executed robbery, he said.

Three men appeared at the grille of a shop which at that time was closed, carrying clothes materials for sale, Counsel continued.

Shop in question was for traders to bring their goods after closing hours.

REVOLVERS PRODUCED

The three men were admitted. Counsel said, and as negotiations for sale were proceeding they produced revolvers. At this point they were joined by three other men and the whole party made a determined assault on the occupants, with the result that a safe containing over \$28,000 was opened and the money taken and various members of the staff manhandled. The robbers were in the shop for about thirty minutes during which time they tied up various members of the staff and made a thorough search of the premises. To induce a member of the staff to open a safe not only was he assaulted and threatened with a revolver but the leader of the gang poured petrol on the floor of the premises, threatening to fire the shop if the key to the safe was not produced, said Counsel.

After the leader had removed the money from the safe he left the shop, followed shortly afterwards by other members of the gang, until only two—the present accused, it was alleged—remained, Counsel said. After a little while the accused also left the premises and ran down the street. Some of the folk who managed to free themselves then rushed out in pursuit, and the accused were arrested by police patrols near the shop. The men were taken back to the shop where they were immediately identified as members of the gang.

The stolen money had not been recovered, Counsel said, but some of the arms and ammunition were found either in the premises or in the street nearby where they may have been discarded during the flight.

The case is proceeding.

18-Year-Old Girl Dies From Melancholia

London, Sept. 22.—The Colonial Office has asked the Nigerian Government for a full report on the case of an 18-year-old English girl who died in Calabar from "acute melancholia" three months after her marriage to a wealthy Syrian merchant.

The girl, Mary Veronica "Terry" Mangan of Urmoston, Lancashire, who worked in a Manchester cloth merchant's office met the Syrian, 26-year-old, Adel Bahsal at a hotel party. They were married on April 12. Later the girl's mother tried to persuade her not to go to Nigeria.

On July 11, a cable to her former employer said: "Terry died in hospital last night of acute melancholia. Inform parents. Letter and medical report following." It was signed "Adel." A death certificate received later said that the death had occurred on July 9 after an illness of 11 days.

The girl's mother wrote to Mr H. L. Austin, MP asking for a Colonial Office investigation. — Associated Press.

RELAXED AND HAPPY



Henry J. (Bob) Topping and his bride of four months, Screen Actress Lana Turner, walk a deck on the liner De Grasse on arrival in New York after a honeymoon trip to England, France and Germany. Mrs Topping reported them "relaxed and happy."—AP Picture.

Commons Told Of Success Against Malayan Rebels

London, Sept. 22.—Colonial Secretary Arthur Creech Jones reported today that 158 terrorists had been killed in Britain's drive to "root out" the Communist-led rebels in Malaya.

The Colonial Secretary told the House of Commons that police and troops "appeared to be destroying the offensive" of the terrorists. He said that 186 civilians, including 14 Europeans, had been killed in bandit raids on Malayan plantations.

"This trouble must be rooted out, and all the resources at our disposal to root it out will be employed," he said.

Recent reports from the acting High Commissioner in Malaya showed some improvement in the situation as a result of firm measures taken by the Government to check the operations of the Communists and bandits, Mr. Creech Jones said.

The Colonial Secretary contended that there had been a delay in sending military reinforcements when they were asked for. Arms ordered by the civil authorities have been dispatched to Malaya, even by air, within a fortnight of the receipt of the order in this country, he added.

BANDITS NOT EXPOSED

Most of the 186 civilians who had been murdered were Chinese who refused to help the terrorists, the Colonial Secretary said, adding: "Our profound sympathy went out to the relatives and friends of these innocent victims of evil and lawlessness."

Although the activities of Communists and bandits had been restricted, murders were still occurring, the Colonial Secretary said. He said he could "assure this House that there would be no relaxation until this lawlessness had been stopped."

"We cannot expect spectacular successes, as the bandits very rarely expose themselves in numbers," the Secretary of State added. "We are still liable to attacks on individual managers and estate buildings, but our defences are greatly improved and I feel that we are getting on top."

The Colonial Secretary said he was in "urgent consultation" with Malayan authorities to see whether it would be possible to provide compensation for losses and damage occasioned by the disorders.

INSURANCE SCHEME

Mr Oliver Stanley (Conservative) said he understood that people were not covered by ordinary insurance during the disorders and asked if the Government should substitute protection of its own.

Mr Creech Jones said he was in touch with the Government of Malaya regarding insurance protection. He said the Government was considering whether insurance schemes could be made retrospective.

Asked by Labour Member John Rankin whether many people arrested merely on suspicion would be released promptly if the allegations proved unfounded, the Colonial Secretary said he could give an assurance that a very considerable number had been released.

NO NEGOTIATION

When a Labour Member suggested the possibility of top level negotiations to settle the disorders, there were cries from both sides of the House. "With whom?" and "Stalin?" Mr. Creech Jones retorted: "There is no room for negotiations in this matter at all. This trouble must be rooted out."

The Colonial Secretary said that recent seizures of bandit arms shipments showed that the Government was making a successful attempt to halt the traffic.

Sir Peter MacDonald (Conservative) asked if the Malayan Government now had power to deport illegal immigrants and to keep under control illegal organisations.

"All such powers are in the possession of the Government under the emergency regulations," Mr Creech Jones replied.—Associated Press.

Letters To The Editor

High Taxi Fares

Sir,—I think now is a suitable opportunity for the Government to revise the fares charged by the taxis and public cars. The present fares are much higher than New York or London and it is well known that owners are making enormous profits though running costs are much lower now than 18 months ago. An owner expects a car to pay for itself in six months but with many more cars playing for hire today they estimate their capital will be repaid in one month. This works out at about 80% interest annually on the capital employed.

The taxi drivers know what their takings are and a fair idea of what profits the owners of the cabs are making every month, to which is out of all proportion to the earnings of other public utilities—trams, bus companies and ferry companies which show a modest return to shareholders of about 5% whereas these taxicabs are known to make anywhere between 80% to 100% yearly on the capital employed. In other words all taxis pay for themselves in a year and as a form of public utility the Government should investigate the accounts and bring in a great reduction of fares. The taxi owners have been making money since the reoccupation and it is time the fares were adjusted.

\$25,000 FINE

London, Sept. 22.—A 36-year-old German, Rudolf Beauthner, was fined £25,000, ordered to pay £1,000 costs, and gaol for three months at a London police court today.

Beauthner's offences are said to have cost Britain and France more than £70,000 each.

The prosecution said that some of the money had gone to Palestine.—Reuters.

GODOWN STILL BURNING

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So far nine have died in hospital. Four firemen were admitted yesterday, three of whom will be discharged today and the other tomorrow.

Fourteen patients were admitted yesterday in a serious condition and two have since died. The other 12 are reported to be in a "very serious" condition, but there are hopes they will recover.

Several unidentified casualties are in hospital, including two children. The total known dead up to this afternoon was 20.

As the stunned people of the area recovered from the tragedy this morning, many tales were told of the endurance and courage of the firemen, most of whom had worked in the pouring rain for 24 hours, with only four hours off, during which the hoses were manned by police.

One officer in charge of a fire floor, Chai Wei-sun, had to be ordered off the job this morning after working for 24 hours without a rest.

The staff of the Royal Inter-Ocean Lines managed to remove many important documents and files from the threatened building.

It was not possible, however, to move many documents from the accounts department, the section nearest to the burning godown, which was at one time filled with smoke.

Dry hoses were laid throughout the building in case the fire spread and water was played continuously on the western wall of the Wing On godown, in which several big cracks could be seen.

TRAPPED DOG

The melancholy howling of a trapped dog could be heard from the oil-stocked godown belonging to Shewan, Tomes and Company, on the ground floor of the RIL building.

The danger of the adjoining wall collapsing made it impossible for firemen to enter the godown, but hoses were played through the windows.

Tribute was paid by onlookers to volunteer nurses, many of them students, from the King's College division of the St John Ambulance Brigade, who gave aid to the injured yesterday and stayed on the spot all night in case of further casualties.

Several of the Brigade's ambulances were still standing by at 10-20 this morning.

Inspector G. Davies, of Western Police Station, praised a party of young Chinese Boy Scouts who manned a hose last night.

Utes of rubber, empty oil drums and strips of film thrown across Des Voeux Road West by the initial explosion still lay outside the gas-works.

One eye witness told of seeing a man, blazing from head to foot, blown across the road by the force of the explosion.

The officer in charge of fire fighting operations this morning, Mr H. Tipplady, who made several daring rescues yesterday, also managed to enter the burnt-out tenements and bring out two charred bodies.

He said it would be impossible to make any estimate of the total number killed until the smouldering ruins had cooled and been shored up by the RIL.

STRONGLY BUILT

Mr Tipplady said that only the strong steel and concrete construction of the Wing On godown prevented the western wall from collapsing and possibly spreading the fire to the RIL building.

Many European employees of Inter-Ocean Lines turned up for work this morning, but were kept away from the building by police. They stood sheltering from the driving rain and watched the firemen's efforts to control the blaze.

An insurance representative was also present, but he said it was impossible yet to give an accurate estimate of the value of the damage caused. He agreed, however, that it would be high.

Stomach Cancer: New Theory

Washington, Sept. 22.—A medical expert reported today that hot foods may be a possible indirect cause for stomach cancer.

Dr A. C. Ivy told a news conference today that recent University of Illinois experiments have shown that foods above 122 degrees Fahrenheit apparently can cause gastric irritation.

He added that experts have felt for some time that "chronic irritation of the stomach" may lead to cancer.

Dr Ivy, who is executive director of the National Advisory Cancer Council, said the effects of hot foods as well as other suspected causative agents, such as irritating foods, would be considered at the fourth gastric cancer conference in December.—United Press.

Malaya Terrorism Brings More Deaths

Singapore, Sept. 22.—A Chinese terrorist, a Chinese civilian and a Malay policeman were killed and seven people were wounded in guerrilla fighting in Malaya in 24 hours.

Three Chinese terrorists were hanged today at Taiping prison for illegally possessing arms.

Ten terrorist incidents today included arson attacks on two Perak rubber estates where all the buildings were burned.—Reuters.

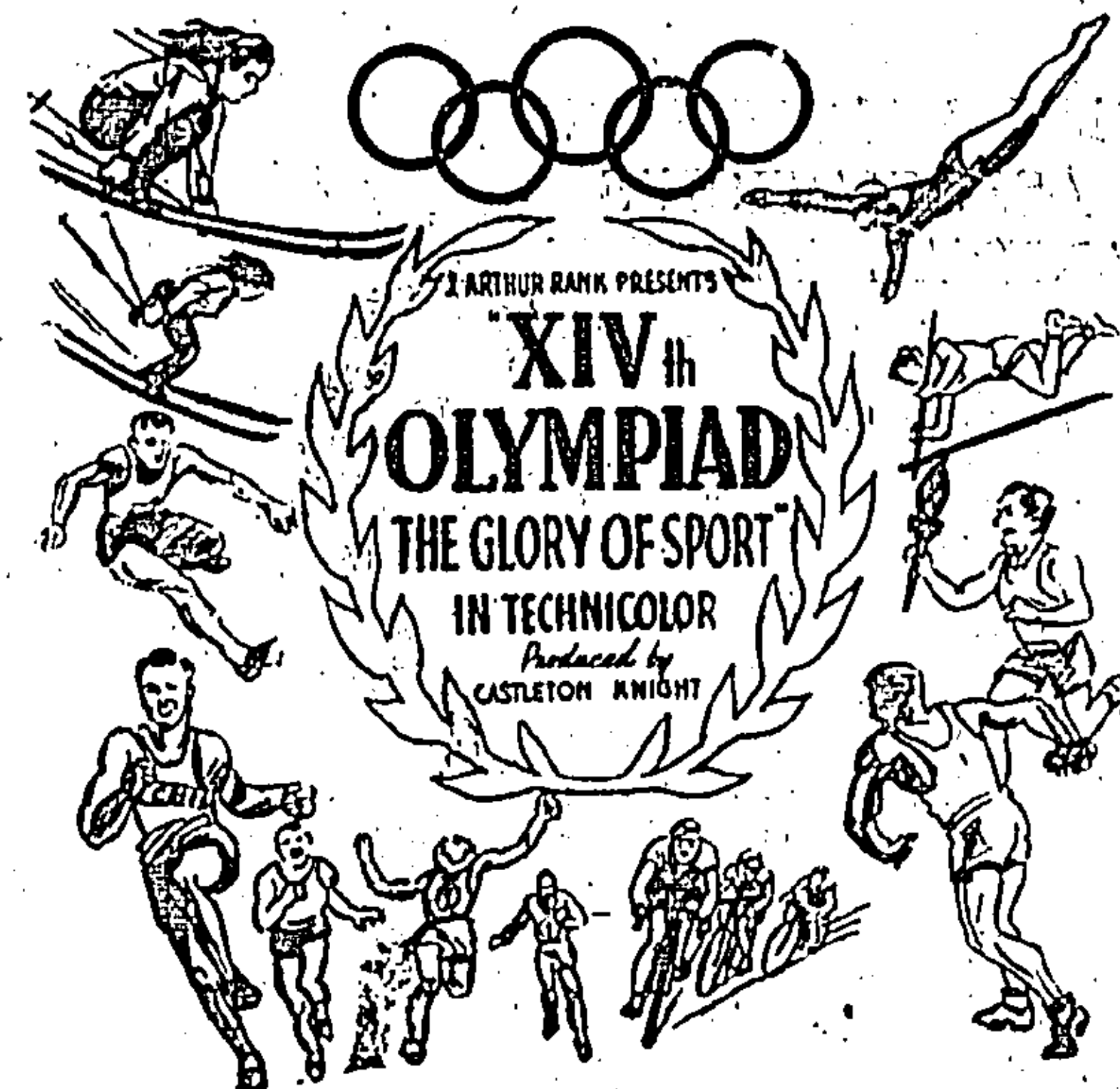
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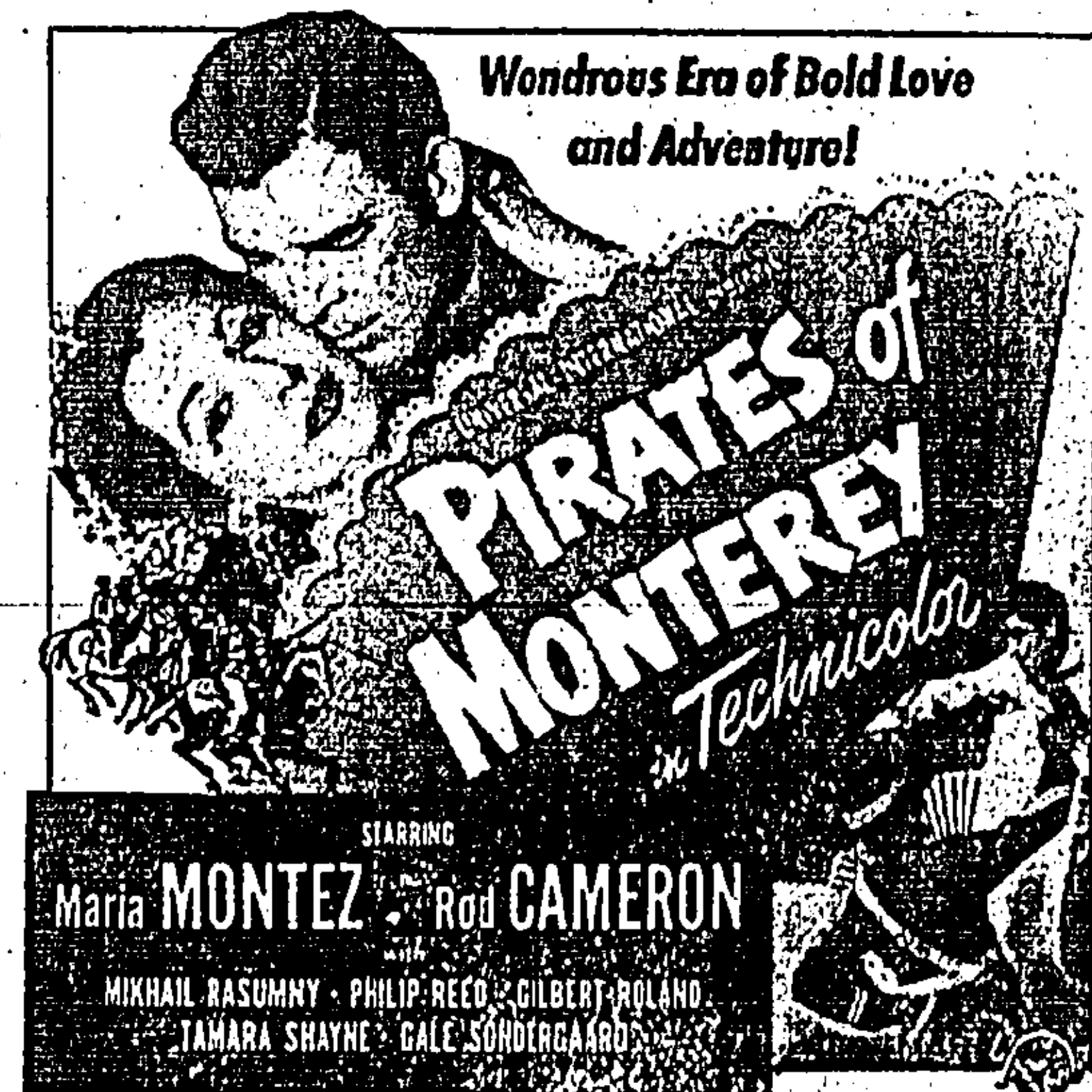


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Willing To Accept Soviet Mark

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"We were engaged in close consultations. We have examined the statements and counter statements and we are working on them and shall continue our consultations in Paris in the coming week."

"We had been trying to get a four power agreement on the currency reform, but were forced to reform the currency in our own zone. We had no intention of interfering with the Soviet money in Berlin."

United Press.

Prison For Earl

London, Sept. 22.—The Earl of Craven, 31, was ordered to be imprisoned on Wednesday for failure to pay for the maintenance of his estranged actress wife and eight-year-old daughter.

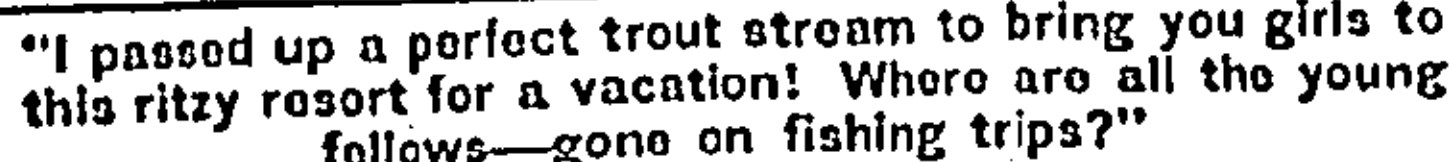
The Earl, who did not appear in court, was ordered to be committed pending payment. He was charged with disregarding a court order issued last July to pay £370 for the maintenance of his family.

The Countess of Craven has appeared in minor roles in British films since she and her husband separated.—Associated Press.

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• West will win the spade trick with the nine-spot. If he comes back with the ace of hearts and follows with another heart, declarer wins the second heart trick with the king, ruffs another diamond in dummy, and now he can pick up the trumps and run the club suit. Thus he makes eleven tricks.

Across

a. and b. Part of the Union Jack.
(8, 2, 2, 7)

b. True to age (anag.). (8-4)

11. Inter change. (8) 12. Tears. (4)

13. A small mug or wooden cup. (8)

14. This part is usually for defence.

(3) 10. Deverox. (31)
 17. Cape Dutch. (4)
 18. A fat lot of (38) (4)
 19. Bored. (3)
 20. Make a series of (teble soume).
 21. Which proves that nobody gets
 two. (3, 4)

Down

1. Voice. (9) 2. Subversion. (7)
 3. A place of rest from Turkey? (9)
 4. A non-commissioned officer. (8)
 5. A place of rest from Turkey? (9)
 6. Steps may be taken to eradicate
 them. (5)
 7. Gratefully. (6)
 8. Just a broken heart. (5)
 9. Act. (4)
 10. A man who gives you building as
 an entic. (3)

Solution of yesterday puzzle.—Across:

Persepolis? Hain? 9. Totem? 10. Ostr
 1. Harp. 2. Sea? 3. Across
 4. Totem? 5. Noel? 6.
 7. Across? 8. Harp? 9. Totem?
 10. Harp. 11. Across? 12. Across?
 13. Across? 14. Across? 15. Across?
 16. Across? 17. Across? 18. Across?
 19. Across? 20. Across? 21. Across?

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Macao and Tientsin (Sea) 4 p.m.
Canton (parcels, 2nd class mail) (Sea)
5 p.m.

1. About 152,000 Americans and 38,000 British. 2. The place of a alien. 3. A wanderer; a nomad; a social outcast. 4. The New York World's Fair 1939-1940. 5. In 1847 by Gorrie in the United States. No, contrary to popular belief, man dogs do not usually foam at the mouth.

Singapore, Sept. 23.—Malaya
bauxite mines, idle since 1945, soon
may be in operation again.
Dr O. C. Schmedeman, chief
geologist of the Reynolds Metals
Company, recently investigated
the bauxite deposits in Malaya, and
has reported that the metal, from
which aluminium is produced, is
abundant. He estimated that to be a profitable unit
of bauxite, bauxite mining should cost
not more than \$110 a ton.
Malaya may become an important
source of bauxite in the Far East,
according to Dr Schmedeman.—
Associated Press.

Shift	Business was done in the local	U.S. dollar	14
was	official exchange market this morning	Sterling pound note (per £1)	14
Others	at the following rates:-	U.S. dollar (per \$1)	297
		Gold bars (per Aael)	11
2/3-		FIC plaques (per 100)	23
lifted		Siam ticals (per 100)	23
		NEI guilders (per 100)	30

British Support For Bernadotte's Palestine Plan

London, Sept. 22.—The Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, today announced Britain's support for Count Folke Bernadotte's final report on Palestine.

Opening a foreign affairs debate in the House of Commons a few hours after his return from Paris, where he had attended the opening of the General Assembly of the United Nations, Mr Bevin said: "The best way for us to commemorate his death is to complete his work on the basis of the proposals which he put forward just before his death."

"The recommendations of Count Folke Bernadotte have the wholehearted and unqualified support of His Majesty's Government," Mr Bevin said. "It is our hope that the United Nations will lose no time in throwing the full weight of its authority behind these proposals."

"We do not expect that either side will welcome these proposals in toto but the world cannot wait for ever for the parties to agree. It is now time in the view of this Government for a final solution to be found by the United Nations."

Britain believed that Count Bernadotte's conclusions "must be considered as a single integrated plan, and it would be best for all concerned that this plan should be put into operation in its entirety."

The Foreign Secretary continued: "I would urge all those concerned in the Middle East to consider Count Bernadotte's proposals quietly and wisely. This problem cannot be solved by polemics, and it is our hope that the United Nations will lose no time in throwing the full weight of its authority behind these proposals."

PAST SLANDERS

"We are determined to do all we can to bring these recommendations to fruition. In the past, we have been slandered. It was being said that we were using force for a settlement in Palestine. We have never done so and never will."

Referring to Count Bernadotte's proposal that the Arab areas of Palestine, or the greater part of them, should be incorporated in Transjordan, Mr Bevin said that in the past Britain had always been faced with the difficulty that the Arab parts of Palestine were, by themselves, an infertile area and would not form a viable State.

Britain freely believed that the United Nations should avoid the risk of creating a State which could not support itself.

In reply to questions, the Foreign Secretary said: "The statement I have made does not involve the recognition of Israel. It involved the policy which the United Kingdom delegation must be instructed to follow at the United Nations."

"We shall see what emerges from that and in the next stage we shall have to consider subsequent developments."

Mr Bevin described the assassination of Count Bernadotte as "a very tragic event." Following a warm tribute to the Count, he said that "his lifetime was an example to all those working in the cause of peace. Those responsible have placed themselves on trial before the world."

"The object of those who committed this crime was no doubt to prevent Count Bernadotte's task being brought to a successful completion."

REFUGEE PROBLEM

Mr Bevin added that the Count's recommendation about the treatment of Arab refugees deserved "the urgent study" of the United Nations. "The situation of these refugees is a great human tragedy. The measures which Count Bernadotte indicated before his death and which his organisation is carrying on provide only for their immediate needs."

"There is a vital long-term problem which requires the concerted effort of all the nations to solve."

Referring further to the Palestine problem in his review, Mr Bevin said that Count Bernadotte referred in his report to the apprehension of the Arabs about future Jewish expansion. The Mediator had concluded that every reasonable assurance must be offered, not only by the Jews, but by the United Nations.—Reuter.

Major Boxer's New Position

Washington, Sept. 22.—Major Charles Boxer, British Portuguese historian and authority on Far Eastern languages, has assumed the chair of Portuguese studies of the Library of Congress. He expects to continue in the position until November 1 and then return to England where he is professor at the London University.

During his service with the Congressional Library, Major Boxer plans to analyse the library's collections relating to the history of Portugal in the Far East.

Major Boxer is also a student of the Japanese language and prior to coming to the Congressional Library was teaching at the centre of Japanese studies at the University of Michigan.

Major Boxer was in the British army in Hongkong at the outbreak of the Pacific war. He was wounded during the fall of Hongkong and after recovery was imprisoned by the Japanese in Hongkong and Canton.—Associated Press.

Gold Cups For Beauty



New British Jet Plane

Langley, England, Sept. 22.—Britain has put its newest jet fighter plane—claimed to be capable of flying faster and further than any comparable jet aircraft—through its first public exhibition.

The plane, the Hawker N7/40, built for the Navy by the Hawker Aircraft Company, was flown at over 600 miles an hour by chief test pilot T. S. "Wimpy" Wade.

The government has not disclosed details of its speed or range. Designed primarily as a carrier-borne fighter, the ship has folding wings. Its most revolutionary feature is that two air intakes for its single Rolls Royce "Nene" engine are situated at the wing roots, a patent arrangement enabling the exhaust to be discharged from two positions in the trailing edge instead of from one central exhaust at the tail end of the fuselage.

The device allows more room for built-in fuel tanks, thus providing greater range.—Associated Press.

SEX EDUCATION

Toronto, Canada, Sept. 22.—The Toronto Board of Education announced that the city's public schools will inaugurate this year a sex education programme for pupils between 12 and 14 years old.—Associated Press.

The Gandhi Murder Trial Nearing End

New Delhi, Sept. 22.—The prosecution in the Gandhi murder trial expects to close its evidence within the next fortnight. The trial started on June 22 and 25 and 125 prosecution witnesses have so far been examined.

Of the five remaining witnesses, the most important is Nataraj, Deputy Commissioner of Police in Bombay and chief prosecuting police officer in the trial. His evidence is expected to begin on Monday or Tuesday.

It is unknown yet if the defence are likely to produce any witnesses. The defence counsel are reluctant to express themselves on this point.

WIVES IN COURT

After the closure of defence witnesses, if any, the court will adjourn for 10 days to allow time for the prosecution to prepare its arguments.

If there are no defence witnesses, it is expected this will begin during the week of October 3. Prominent among the visitors to the trial in the past three days have been the wives of three of the accused, N. D. Apte, V. R. Karikare and Gopal Gode. Women police officers have been posted to guard them during their attendance. Their time in court was divided between eager listening to the proceedings, melancholy laughter when their eyes caught their husbands in the dock, and perpetual rubbing away of tears.—Associated Press.

Idle Machinery

Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Sept. 22.—The President of the Newspaper Association of Canada, Mr A. M. Fowler, told a meeting of newspaper executives that there is sufficient mechanical plant in the world to supply all newspaper needs, but much of it was not being used.

Mr Fowler said most of the idle machinery is in England, Scandinavia and other parts of Europe and the Far East.

Lack of pulp, coal and labour has been responsible for the slow-down in production, he said.—Reuter.

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Henry Pu-Yi Is Held Captive In Second-Rate Hotel

Tokyo, Sept. 22.—Henry Pu-yi, former Emperor of the puppet state, Manchukuo, and about 200 officials of his government still are being held by the Russians in a second rate hotel in Khabarovsk.

A former Japanese colonel, Hidetaka Yanaga, gave a detailed description of Henry Pu-yi's imprisonment but was unable to throw any light on Russian plans for the man who is wanted by the Chinese for trial on treason charges.

The former puppet emperor lives in a two-storey hotel along with his younger brother, Pu-chieh, former Premier Chang Ching-hui and others. They are not required to work and are permitted to read, walk, play mahjong and Japanese chess.

Pu-yi and the others are killing time by making carvings on wood and bamboo.

The former puppet emperor is given a little better food ration than the others and is granted the privacy of a single room.

WORKING ON BOOK

I interviewed Henry Pu-yi when the Russians brought him to Tokyo to testify in the trial of former Premier Hideki Tojo and other major criminal suspects shortly after the war.

The Russians had him under armed guard in and out of the way house here in Tokyo. I was the first Allied correspondent to talk with him since before the war.

He told me then that he was working on a book which would explain his views and actions. The Russians at that time seemed very interested in his book and talked about it being published at an early date. However, that is the last that has been heard about his literary efforts.

There have been unconfirmed reports that the Russians intended to install him as head of a Manchurian state again—after the Chinese Communists have won and secured it from the Chinese National government.

At the time of my interview with him, I tried to find out if the Russians intended to turn him over to the Chinese. They gave him the impression that they intended to do just that but asked me not to discuss the subject with Pu-yi since he appeared happy and without worries and they desired to keep him that way.

BACK IN SIBERIA

The Russians brought Henry Pu-yi from Siberia to testify here and apparently took him right back there after he finished. While he still is a prisoner, they apparently treat him pretty well—although they are just marking time for something to happen.

Most observers here do not think the Russians would try to install him at the head of a puppet government. Such a move would be too obvious. As far as is known, the Russians have not tried to do any political manoeuvring with him and have not tried to use him in any deals with the Chinese government.

They have not tried him as a war criminal suspect on their own, as most people thought they would. And Pu-yi remains the centre of another one of the mysteries of the Orient.—United Press.

Gromyko Having "Little Holiday"

Paris, Sept. 22.—A Soviet spokesman said today that the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr V. Molotov, is not expected in Paris at present.

Mr Andrei Gromyko, former Soviet delegate to the United Nations, is likely to attend the General Assembly meeting later in the session.

Mr Jacob Lomakhin, Soviet Consul in New York who was concerned with the "kidnapping" of the Russian school-teacher, Mrs Kosenkina, is also likely to attend the General Assembly later.

Both he and Mr Gromyko are at present having a "little holiday,"—Reuter.

Britain's Rearmament Revival

May Interfere With Reconstruction

London, Sept. 22.—Britain's long-term peacetime construction programme, especially public works, is expected to bear the brunt of the nation's sudden rearmament revival.

The Defence Minister, Mr A. V. Alexander, who will outline the defence programme to the House of Commons on Thursday, received the plans with his cabinet colleagues on Wednesday.

The Government has already announced a mobilisation of slow-down, intensified recruiting campaign, doubling of jet fighters, overhaul and refitting of 100 warships, and a checkup on civilian defence. Mr Alexander is expected to go into the details of what effect this programme will have on the national economy. Observers predict that the Government's capital investment programme will suffer most.

Steel is the basis of this programme, and this industry—already earmarked for nationalisation in the near future—is being reviewed by experts to determine where cuts can be made.

Best information on Wednesday was that the Government will try to make shifts that will be little noticed by the population. In this way it could bring about a slow down on such things as bridge building and construction of transport vehicles. Sources close to the Government insist the rearmament programme will not mean abandonment of the steel nationalisation programme.—Associated Press.

Three Communist Leaders Captured

Rangoon, Sept. 22.—Burmese Government forces captured three Communist leaders in a raid on a "red flag" Communist camp near Maymyo hill station, 30 miles north-east of Mandalay, a communique announced here today.

Fighting was reported in the Sandoway district in the Arakan, where insurgents lost 23 killed and 40 wounded.

Six insurgents were also killed in a clash with Government troops near Pegu, 40 miles north of Rangoon and 10 others were killed in fighting in the Pyapon district of the Irrawaddy Delta.—Reuter.

LABOUR SHORTAGE

Sydney, Sept. 22.—Sydney firms, short of labour, are offering jobs to migrants by radiogram. As a migrant ship nears Australia they send jobs vacant, radio messages to the ship or display on notice boards.—Associated Press.

No Candidates For \$10,000 A Year Jobs

Washington, Sept. 22.—The Secretary of Labour, Mr Maurice J. Tobin, is having trouble finding candidates for \$10,000 a year jobs. He needs an under-secretary of labour and an assistant for liaison work with the AFL.

When he took office, Mr Tobin said he would have them in less than 30 days but six weeks have passed and the jobs are still vacant.

The American Federation of Labour President, Mr William Green, said his organisation will recommend soon a candidate for assistant secretary post vacated since July 15. He said he was opposed to the promotion of the Assistant Secretary, Mr John W. Gibson, representing the Congress of Industrial Organizations, to the position of Under-Secretary.

The two positions will be filled by President Truman from recommendations by Mr Tobin.—United Press.

Alleged Spy Denies Charges

Jerusalem, Sept. 22.—Frederick William Sylvester, one of two Britons facing spy charges before the Jerusalem district court, denied in evidence today that he had ever broadcast about the movements of Israeli troops or any other military information to Arabs.

It was the fifth day of the trial of Mr Sylvester, former Palestine police sergeant, and of Mr William Hawkins, both employed by the Jerusalem Electric Corporation on charges of espionage. The prosecution completed its case today.

After testimony from the two accused, the defence will call several witnesses.—Reuter.

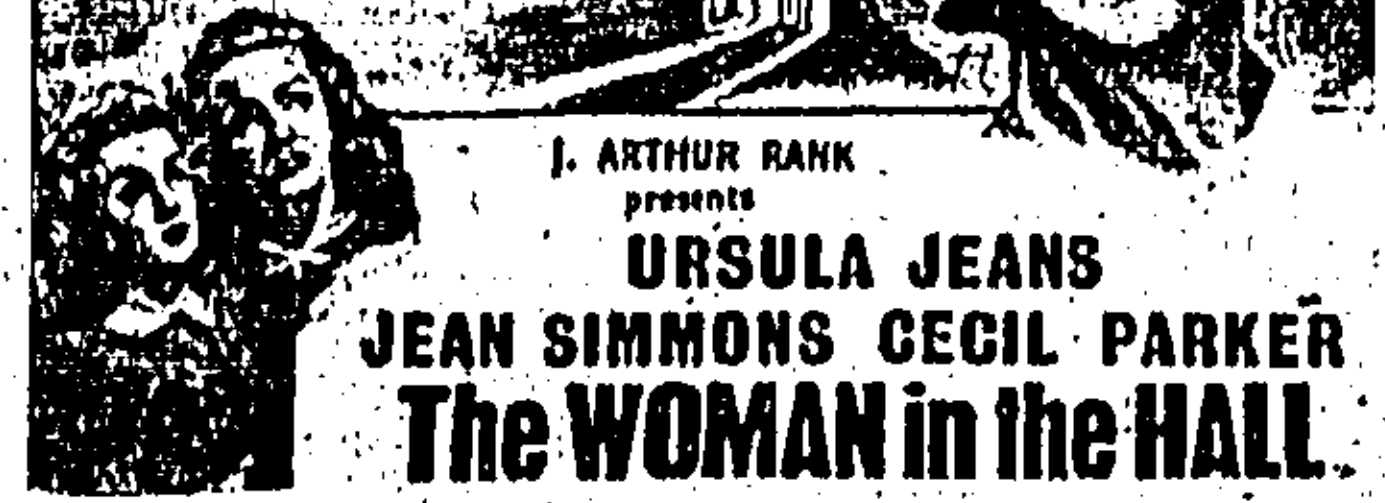
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